

I strongly urge the FCC to disregard the NAB petition 04-160 to limit XM Instant traffic & weather and other programming of local interest. I must insist that the FCC support XM Radio's ability to provide the kind of programming I am paying for. Most radio stations today are owned by a handful of corporate conglomerates and use tightly controlled playlists. On one trip from Nashville to New Orleans I was driven to switch to XM radio when I realized that I had basically heard the same 8 songs having to switch from one local station to another.

Satellite radio provides variety and quality that are not available elsewhere. I pay for these services and it should not be up to the National Association of Broadcasters to dictate what I am permitted to hear. I should be able to pull traffic or weather information on demand, not if and when the local stations choose to provide them. This is as much a safety issue as one of convenience.